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SUBJECT: OSLO ANTARCTIC TREATY PREPCOM: FRENCH QUIRIES ON

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1. FYI: USG IS IN FINAL STAGES OF DETAILED STUDY OF THE

ANTARCTIC MINERAL RESOURCES QUESTION. POLICY DECISIONS ON
SUBSTANTIVE ASPECTS OF RESOURCES QUESTION WILL BE THE
RESULT, BUT WE CANNOT YET GIVE SPECIFIC RESPONSES TO
FRENCH QUERIES. END FYI

2. WITH RESPECT TO 1(A) OF REFTTEL, FRENCH INTERPRETATION
OF OCTOBER PREPCOM CONSENSUS ON INCLUSION OF ALL AREAS
SOUTH OF 60 DEGREES SOUTH LATITUDE IN ANY SPECIAL
ANTARCTIC RESOURCES REGIME IS AN OVERSTATEMENT. U.S.
SPOKEMAN AT PREPCOM MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARK IN RESPONSE
TO FRENCH ASSERTION THAT FRANCE COULD ACCEPT 60 DEGREE
SOUTH DELIMITATION AND BELGIAN COMMENT THAT 60 DEGREE LIMIT
IS UNACCEPTABLE BUT 200 MILE LIMIT IS FEASIBLE: "THE U.S.
REPRESENTATIVES MUST RESERVE THEIR POSITION ON THIS ISSUE
OF DELIMITATION AND, IN PARTICULAR, MUST DISASSOCIATE
THEMSELVES FROM ANY CONCLUSION OR DEVELOPING CONSENSUS
THAT THERE ARE ONLY TWO POSSIBLE LIMITS TO BE CONSIDERED.

3. RE CHILE: OUR IMPRESSION FROM OCTOBER PREPCOM IS CHILE
IS SYMPATHETIC TO FRENCH POSITION. HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT
CONSULTED WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS SINCE OCTOBER MEETING. INGERSOLL

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